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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner : Marianne P. Allen, Ph.D.  
Group : 1647  
Application No.: 09/303,216 Confirmation No.: 8037  
Filed : April 30, 1999  
For : CRYSTALS OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS HELICASE OR  
FRAGMENTS THEREOF COMPRISING A HELICASE  
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner, mailed December 30, 2005 in which the rejection or objection to claims 1-3 are made final. The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$250.00 in payment of the appeal fee and any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. (003752.0001). A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed.

Applicant have concurrently filed a Response to the Final Office Action and petitioned and paid the fees for a three-month Extension of Time. In this response,

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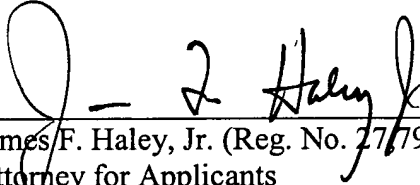
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Applicant have addressed the final rejection of claims 1-3 and have amended the pending claims so as to be allowable or in better form for appeal. This appeal is timely filed on or before June 30, 2006.

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